

# Arunachal Immersion: Bomdila, Tawang & Tribal Homestays

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Destination

**North-East**



Duration

**6 Nights 7 Days**



Starting from

**Rs. 26,500 / person**

## ITINERARY ROUTE



**Bomdila · 2N**



**Tawang · 3N**



**Tribal Homestays · 1N**

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## Overview

A carefully curated 6 nights / 7 days North-East tour package designed for travelers seeking cultural immersion, high-altitude monastery visits and village life. Perfect as a North-East Pilgrimage tour package or a heritage-and-nature escape, this itinerary covers the spiritual grandeur of Tawang Monastery, panoramic viewpoints at Sela Pass, the tranquil charm of Bomdila, and authentic stays with local tribal families. This 6 and 7 North-East Pilgrimage tour package balances sightseeing with acclimatization for a comfortable journey.

### Highlights:

- Visit to Tawang Monastery (one of the largest in India)
- Sela Pass & Sela Lake scenic drive and photo stops
- Bomdila Monastery & Eaglenest Viewpoints
- Authentic tribal homestay experience with Monpa hospitality
- War Memorial, Jaswant Garh & local markets

Ideal for travelers looking for a spiritual and cultural North-East Pilgrimage package with nature, history and community-led experiences.

#### ✓ What's Included

- ✓ Accommodation for 6 nights (2 nights in Bomdila, 3 nights in Tawang, 1 night in Tribal Homestay) on twin-sharing basis
- ✓ Daily breakfast and specified meals (as per day plan)
- ✓ All transfers and sightseeing by a comfortable private vehicle (as per group size)
- ✓ Local English-speaking guide in Tawang and village hosts for homestay
- ✓ Inner Line Permit assistance and permit facilitation
- ✓ Cultural program / village activities at homestay
- ✓ Basic first-aid kit and emergency contact support

#### ✗ Not Included

- ✗ Flights or train tickets to/from Guwahati
- ✗ Monument entry fees, camera charges, and special permits (Bumla Pass escort fees if required)
- ✗ Personal expenses such as tips, laundry, beverages, phone calls
- ✗ Travel insurance (recommended)
- ✗ Any expense arising from route diversions, weather-related delays, or medical evacuations
- ✗ Note: Single-room supplements, customized meal requests or upgrades to luxury accommodations are available on request.

## Day-by-Day Itinerary

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Day

1

### **Arrival at Guwahati – Drive towards Bomdila via Bhalukpong and Dirang**

Pickup from Guwahati (or Tezpur if preferred) early morning. Drive west/north into Arunachal Pradesh crossing scenic river valleys and terraced hills. Stop at Bhalukpong for permits and quick refreshments. Continue through Dirang (enjoy views of apple orchards and hot springs en route) before reaching Bomdila by evening.

Activities:

- Evening walk around Bomdila town to acclimatize.
- Rest at the hotel and short briefing about altitude acclimatization.

Important: Carry warm clothing and a light first-aid kit; roads can be winding and temperatures drop after sunset.

Day

2

### **Bomdila Local Exploration – Monasteries, Craft Centre & Views**

Spend a relaxed day exploring Bomdila and nearby viewpoints. Visit the Bomdila Monastery and the local Eaglenest viewpoint for sweeping valley panoramas. Explore the Monpa tribal craft centre and local markets for traditional handicrafts and authentic tea houses.

Activities:

- Guided visit to Bomdila Monastery and the Community Handicraft Centre.
- Short nature walks to nearby viewpoints and sunset photography.

Tip: The altitude begins to feel noticeable; hydrate and avoid strenuous activity the first full day.

Day

3

### **Scenic Drive: Bomdila to Tawang via Sela Pass & Jaswant Garh**

Early morning departure from Bomdila towards Tawang. Experience one of the most scenic drives in the Northeast crossing Sela Pass (Sela Lake) – frequently snow-clad – and visit Jaswant Garh War Memorial. Arrive at Tawang in the evening.

Activities:

- Photo stops at Sela Pass / Sela Lake and high-altitude vistas.
- Visit Jaswant Garh to learn about the 1962 war history.

Note: Carry your Inner Line Permit and original ID; weather on the pass can change quickly, pack waterproof layers.

Day

4

## **Explore Tawang — Tawang Monastery, War Memorial & Local Market**

Full day to discover Tawang: Visit the majestic Tawang Monastery, one of the largest Buddhist monasteries in India, then the poignant Tawang War Memorial and nearby vantage points. Enjoy strolling the local market for Tibetan-Monpa artefacts and savor local cuisine.

Activities:

- Guided tour of Tawang Monastery (including monastery galleries and prayer halls).
- Visit the Tawang War Memorial and local viewpoints for sunset.

Special: Respect local monastery etiquette — remove shoes and maintain silence inside prayer halls.

Day

5

## **Excursion to Bumla Pass or Nuranang Falls — Cultural Interactions**

Choose between an excursion to the high-altitude Bumla Pass (subject to permits and weather) close to the India-China border, or a scenic visit to Nuranang Falls (Jang Falls) and nearby village temples. Evening at leisure in Tawang with optional cultural program in the town.

Activities:

- Day trip to Bumla Pass (permit-dependent) OR visit Nuranang Falls and the small local temples.
- Evening cultural exchange and storytelling with local guides.

Important: Bumla Pass visits require advance permissions and possible armed escort; our team will advise and arrange if feasible.

Day

6

## **Drive to Monpa Tribal Village — Homestay Experience**

Depart Tawang and drive towards a selected Monpa tribal village near Bomdila for an authentic homestay experience. Meet host families, participate in local cooking or craft sessions, and learn about age-old tribal customs and folklore.

Activities:

- Village walk, meet elders, and participate in traditional activities.
- Home-cooked Monpa dinner and overnight in a comfortable homestay.

Note: Homestays support local livelihoods. Facilities are basic but warm — please carry modest luggage and be prepared for shared bathroom facilities in some homes.

Day

7

## Return Journey to Guwahati – Scenic Drive & Departure

After breakfast, drive back towards Guwahati (or Tezpur/Itanagar transfer point depending on your booking). Enjoy final scenic views en route, stop for meals and photo ops, and arrive at your drop-off point by evening.

Activities:

- Leisure stops and local cuisine sampling on route.
- Transfer to Guwahati and journey-end assistance.

Tip: Long drive day – rest well and keep hydration and light snacks handy.

## 🔍 Frequently Asked Questions

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### 🔍 What is the best time to visit Northeast India?

The ideal time to visit Northeast India is October to April when the weather is pleasant and dry. October–November offers post-monsoon freshness with clear skies, perfect for sightseeing and outdoor activities. December–February brings cool, crisp weather ideal for exploring hill stations like Gangtok, Shillong, and Tawang. March–April features blooming rhododendrons and comfortable temperatures. Avoid June–September monsoon season as heavy rainfall can disrupt travel plans, cause landslides, and make roads inaccessible. However, if you're interested in experiencing lush green landscapes and don't mind occasional showers, post-monsoon September can be beautiful. For specific festivals like Hornbill Festival in Nagaland (December) or cherry blossoms in Shillong (November), plan accordingly. Winter temperatures range from 5–20°C in hills and 10–25°C in plains.

### 🔍 How can I reach Northeast India from major Indian cities?

Air travel is the most convenient option with Guwahati (Assam) serving as the main gateway, connected to Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata, and Bangalore. Other airports include Bagdogra (for Sikkim), Imphal, Agartala, Dibrugarh, and Dimapur. From Guwahati, you can reach other states by road or connecting flights. Train connectivity exists to Guwahati, New Jalpaiguri (for Sikkim), and Agartala via broad gauge lines. The Rajdhani Express connects Guwahati to Delhi. Road access is possible via NH27 through West Bengal and NH37. For Sikkim, fly to Bagdogra then drive 4 hours to Gangtok. Many tourists prefer flying to Guwahati and then taking domestic flights or hiring vehicles for interstate travel. Book flights in advance as options are limited and prices can be higher than other destinations.

## ❓ **Do I need special permits to visit Northeast states?**

Permit requirements vary by state and visitor nationality. Indian citizens need Inner Line Permits (ILP) for Arunachal Pradesh, Mizoram, and Nagaland, obtainable online or at checkpoints. Manipur requires ILP for certain areas. No permits needed for Assam, Meghalaya, Tripura, and Sikkim for Indians. Foreign nationals need Protected Area Permits (PAP) for Arunachal Pradesh, obtained through registered tour operators with 30-day advance application. Sikkim requires permits for certain areas like Nathula Pass and North Sikkim. For group travel, tour operators usually handle permit procedures. Apply online through official state websites or at designated counters in Delhi, Kolkata, and Guwahati. Carry multiple passport-size photos and ID proofs. Permits are usually processed within 2–7 days. Some border areas may have additional restrictions, so check current regulations before travel.

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## ❓ **What are the local transportation options within Northeast states?**

Shared taxis and sumos are the most common intercity transport, especially in hilly regions like Sikkim and Meghalaya. State transport buses connect major towns but can be crowded and slow. Private buses offer better comfort for longer routes. In cities, auto-rickshaws, cycle-rickshaws, and local taxis are available. App-based cabs operate in Guwahati, Shillong, and Gangtok. For sightseeing, hiring a private car with driver is recommended, costing ₹2,500–4,000 per day depending on the vehicle and distance. Motorcycle rentals are popular in Sikkim and Meghalaya among adventure travelers. River transport exists in Assam via ferries across Brahmaputra. Helicopter services operate in Sikkim for scenic tours. Book vehicles in advance during peak season. Mountain roads can be challenging, so experienced local drivers are advisable. Fuel stations may be sparse in remote areas.

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## ❓ **What types of accommodation are available and where should I stay?**

Northeast India offers diverse accommodation from luxury resorts to budget homestays. Government tourism properties provide good value with basic amenities. Luxury options include Taj Tashi (Thimphu), Mayfair Hotels (Gangtok, Shillong), and heritage properties. Mid-range hotels are abundant in major towns. Homestays are popular, especially in Sikkim, Meghalaya, and Arunachal Pradesh, offering authentic cultural experiences at ₹1,000–3,000 per night. Stay in Gangtok for Sikkim exploration, Shillong for Meghalaya, Guwahati for Assam, Itanagar for Arunachal Pradesh. In remote areas, government guest houses and forest rest houses are available but require advance booking. Eco-lodges near national parks offer nature experiences. During festivals, book well in advance as accommodation fills quickly. Many properties offer package deals including meals and local sightseeing. Check for hot water availability in hill stations during winter months.

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## 🔍 What are the must-visit attractions in Northeast India?

Top attractions include Kaziranga National Park (Assam) for one-horned rhinos, Tawang Monastery (Arunachal Pradesh) – India's largest monastery, and Nathula Pass (Sikkim) on the Indo-China border. Shillong, the 'Scotland of East,' offers colonial charm and living root bridges in Cherrapunji. Majuli Island (Assam) is the world's largest river island with unique culture. Hornbill Festival (Nagaland) showcases tribal heritage. Loktak Lake (Manipur) features floating islands. Unakoti (Tripura) has ancient rock carvings. Adventure seekers enjoy river rafting in Arunachal Pradesh, trekking in Sikkim's Goecha La, and caving in Meghalaya's Mawsmai Caves. Tea gardens in Assam and Sikkim offer scenic beauty. Sikkim's Rumtek Monastery and Gangtok's MG Marg are cultural highlights. Each state offers unique experiences – from wildlife safaris to monastery visits and tribal village interactions.

## 🔍 What local foods and cuisines should I try in Northeast India?

Northeast cuisine is unique, featuring rice as staple with minimal spices and extensive use of herbs, bamboo shoots, and fermented ingredients. Must-try dishes include Assam's fish curry with khar (alkaline preparation), Sikkim's momos and thukpa, Nagaland's smoked pork with black sesame, and Manipur's Eromba (vegetable curry). Meghalaya's Jadoh (rice with meat) and Mizoram's Bai (vegetable stew) are local favorites. Fermented fish, bamboo shoot pickles, and bhut jolokia (ghost pepper) add distinctive flavors. Sikkimese cuisine shows Tibetan influence with gundruk (fermented leafy greens) and chhurpi (yak cheese). Try local rice beer, particularly Sikkim's chang and Assam's rice wine. Street food includes Assam's pitha (rice cakes) and various tribal preparations. Many dishes might be unfamiliar to outsiders, so start with milder options. Vegetarian options are available but limited in tribal areas. Local restaurants and homestays offer authentic experiences.

## ★ Traveller Reviews



**Gunjan Tiwari**

★★★★☆ 4/5

### North-East Travels – An Enriching Experience

Traveling to the North-East was an enriching experience for me. The diverse ecosystems and cultures made the trip memorable. Highly recommend exploring this region!



**Ranbir Choudhury**

★★★★★ 5/5

### **Journey of a Lifetime**

This North-East tour was indeed a journey of a lifetime! Beautiful landscapes, thrilling adventures, and rich culture made it all worth it. Will cherish these memories forever!



**Nandita Roy**

★★★★★ 5/5

### **Well-Organized North-East Package**

The North-East tour package was well-organized with friendly staff and seamless arrangements. Every detail was taken care of and it made our travel experience delightful!



**Sourabh Yadav**

★★★★★ 5/5

### **Beautiful North-East Awaits You**

The beautiful North-East awaits everyone! This tour package was filled with exciting activities and places that offered picturesque views. I can't recommend it enough!



**Akanksha Mehta**

★★★★☆ 4/5

### **Adventure Awaits in North-East**

Adventure awaits in the North-East! This tour gave us thrilling experiences while also allowing us to soak in the serene beauty around us. Great trip overall!

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